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WASHINGTON - Investigators trying to determine the cause of the deadly blast at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, have not ruled out criminal activity. Nor have they settled on a cause, according to a government official familiar with the findings, scheduled for release Thursday afternoon.

The investigation has identified three possible sources of ignition: a golf cart that apparently had been subject to a recall, a secondary electrical system, or an intentional, criminal act.

Investigators will rule the cause as "undetermined," for now, the government official said.

"If it's the first two" - that is, a spark from the golf cart or the electrical system - "they don't think they'll ever be able to confirm it, due to the damage," the official said.

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